TOWN OF PEACHAM
SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
Town Hall Meeting Room
Wednesday November 4, 2015 6:30PM
UNAPPROVED

Present:
Selectboard: Annette Lorraine, Nate Giroux, and David Jacobs
Clerk to the Selectboard: Melissa Laurita Kohl
Public: Ron Craig, Mike Bruton, Matt Kiley, Tom Weineck, Emma Kaplan, Road Foreman Jeremy Withers, Town Clerk Tom Galinat

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Nate Giroux at 6:38 PM.

1) Additions
    a) Sheriff's Department Contract
    b) VT Judicial Bureau Form to fill out

2) Minutes:
    a) David moves to approve the minutes of 10/21/15. Nate seconds. So moved.

3) Peacham Pathway through Village
    a) Melissa printed packets of emails/input on sidewalk - the public is welcome to read them. Susan Kiley's long and thoughtful email was accidentally not included as it was forwarded to Melissa's personal email. Melissa printed it during the meeting and included it in the packets.
    b) The Selectboard took the packets home to review. Nate said that at the next Selectboard meeting, they would determine how to make that path usable and walkable in the winter, by this winter. If the Selectboard does not finish making a decision about the surface of the path, there is a whole winter to figure it out.
    c) Annette asked if the Selectboard should research/ price of options for winter maintenance. Nate said that they should.
    d) Ron asked if the path was a legal trail; Annette said that it is not like a legal trail like a road is, but the trail is in the legal road right of way.
    e) David expressed a concern about ADA access; the path is great but some of the driveways are very sloped. Might be a consideration if town is going to maintain the walkway.
    f) Annette said that she went to a workshop for the State about trails and ADA accessibility. Between the ADA and a Justice Department ruling, trails do not need to be made ADA accessible, but individuals with disabilities and mobility devices are allowed to use it. The Selectboard can decide to advertise about it's safety or lack thereof. If the town does not have an official trail policy, anyone who is disabled and has a mobility device can go anywhere they want. Right now, Peacham does not have a trail policy. If Peacham wants to make the path a sidewalk, then the Selectboard has to hire an engineer. The path would be a much wider sidewalk and something would have to done about all of the slopes.
    g) Matt thinks that it's a stretch to call it a trail when it has been a sidewalk. In historic photos, there were paving stones.
    h) Annette said we have been calling it a pathway. The signs note it being part of Peacham Pathways. If it officially becomes a sidewalk, it will need to be ADA compliant.

4) Location of Flashing Speed Sign
    a) Residents in South Peacham would like the speed sign located there. They have wanted a stop sign for a long time.

b) Jeremy said that it can be set up in South Peacham it just doesn't have an anchor yet and he will get to it as soon as he can.
c) Jeremy wanted to know if the Selectboard wanted to leave it up all winter. He worries the winter will be hard on it, with the salt coming up off the plow.
d) David and Annette said yes, they would like it up through winter since people still speed through the village in the winter. Annette said that the speed sign is from a Canadian company and they said that it was snow worthy.
e) David wonders about budgeting for another one. The Selectboard and Ron said that it was very effective.
f) Tom said that in Ewell's Hollow, there are 7 kids right on the road. Balls go on the road, and cars do not go 35 miles an hour going through there. He wondered if there is a chance the Selectboard can put the speed sign there. Annette said if Tom can figure out how to program the speed sign to 35 miles an hour as opposed to 30, then it could be moved there.
g) Nate said that if anyone has a speed problem where they are, at some point the town can move the sign there (before or after ground freezing).

5) Sheriff Department Contract
   a) There is an additional dispatch fee if you want patrols during off hours.
   b) For this year, Nate had told the Sheriff's Department that the school was most important, and then around rush hour at different parts of the town.
   c) The Sheriff's Department charges $35 an hour. $37.50 per hour during off times due to dispatch fee.
   d) This is the same contract from previous years. Annette said the Selectboard adds a "do not exceed limit" on the contract.
   e) Nate said the Selectboard budgeted about $2500 this year for the Sheriff's Department because the Selectboard bought the speed sign.
   f) Nate said that the Selectboard will sign the contract after the budget is done. Annette will look up the cost of the speed sign as the town may be interested in buying another one.

6) Town Clerk Update
   a) Tom spoke with Dirk Allison at Passumpsic about cemetery CDs; Tom asked him to do a write up of the advantages. Tom shared this with the Selectboard.
   b) This is in regard to $16,000 that can be a liquid asset. The Town can also make a little more money on it (in terms of interest). Annette thinks this is a great idea. She asked Mike and Ron about their opinions.
   c) Taxes: So far this year we have $12,000 left to collect because of revised bills that are due December 1. So far, the have $90,000 delinquent this year. Tom said that is pretty standard. In terms of past delinquencies, in January 2015, the Town was owed $177,000. Currently, that's down to $40,000.
   d) Mike said that Tom was able to track down people that were hard to find. John has done an excellent job as well.
   e) Nate thanked Tom and told him to thank John Sheehan. He said that delinquency problems in the past had made budgeting very difficult and it forced the Selectboard to make decisions about cutting the budget. It eases the tax budget going forward. Annette said used to have a rainy day fund and are looking forward to having that again.
   f) Mike thanked Annette as well.
   g) Tom, Nate, and Jeremy made an appointment for the budget work meeting. This is not a public meeting as only one Selectboard member is present.

7) Road Foreman Report
   a) Jeremy said that even though it is November, the road crew is still doing summer maintenance.
   b) He said, that the road crew is just about ready for winter.

c) Jeremy is wondering if Mill Trace Rd needs to be plowed this winter. Mill Trace is a Class 3 road but the shed has fallen into the road and the bridge is not suitable for ton trucks going over it. The private residence is not lived in. The only problem he foresees is them heating the residence. Jeremy will talk to them. Melissa said that she walks it almost every day in the winter.
d) Jeremy is watching the budget very closely, trying to make sure we are where we are supposed to be.

8) VT Judicial Bureau
    a) Annette said that she gathers that the Town has been having more dog complaints. The town policy states that the first warning is just a warning, and all following warnings come with a ticket. Tickets have to go through VT Judicial Bureau. They give the town a book of tickets.
    b) **Annette moves to designate the following Judicial Bureau issuing officials: three selectboard members, the two constables, the town clerk as treasurer, and Judy Salamandra Corso as the appearing official. Nate seconds. So moved.**

9) Review and approve bills
    a) The Selectboard reviewed and approved bills.

10) Review correspondence
    a) The Selectboard reviewed and approved correspondence.

Nate moves to adjourn at 7:43pm. Annette seconds. So moved.